

Dear Friends,

Thanks for praying with us for ANeW. We greatly value your prayer. We at ANeW continue to pray that as you bless us with your prayers, you too will be greatly blessed.

This prayer letter has changed slightly in that the various topics have been organised into five days instead of seven. Also there is a section under Teen Ministry requiring our prayers.

*Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them.
Psalm 111:2*

Minister, Arthur Copeman

I continue to praise God for the great group of people who call themselves ANeW Church. Over the last couple of months this has been seen in a number of ways: the quiet but godly contribution the ANeW Synod reps made to the Newcastle Diocesan Synod and election of a Bishop; serving at an Art Show for the local Lambton Parish; being involved in a working bee at Lambton Primary School; the "You Are Beautiful" afternoon for teenage girls and ladies; and so I could go on. Yet above this is the devotion to listening to the Word of God that is apparent in the congregation on a Sunday. I am so thankful to God for the people he has brought to this church. It is in every way an incredible privilege to be their pastor. I also greatly thank God for the staff team at ANeW.

On another front we are intending to move the ANeW vision to the next stage. We have been discussing with New Lambton Anglican (the next door parish to Lambton) planting a morning congregation in their buildings next year. The intention is to begin again with a prayer meeting on a Sunday morning, most likely commencing in May. Alongside that we will commence small group work and children's work around that Parish earlier next year. Please pray for this venture, that God would both guide us and give us his blessing.

Young Adults' Ministry, Adam Matthews

We are currently studying the book of Luke amongst the young adults. I would love for people to be praying that the young adults would encounter Jesus in such a powerful way that they would grow to love him more. It has been amazing the amount of people who have come along this year including many who are not yet Christians. Please pray for them. We are looking forward to next year when we will be able to make more connections with young adults moving to Newcastle from different areas. Pray for the continued growth of our people and that they might be well equipped to live as Christians wherever they are.

Children's Ministry, Amy Soutter

Praise God for a fantastic leadership team who are using and growing their skills as they serve the children. It is wonderful to have two new leaders join the team. God is clearly at work in the lives of the children as they enthusiastically recall memory verses and engage in discussion. Pray that the children and leaders will deepen their understanding of God and have a desire to know him intimately. As we study Zechariah, pray that together, we will learn the value of working hard to understand God's word.

Women's Ministry, Cathy Young

The last couple of months have been full with many women doing great ministry at ANew. I'm excited to see women growing in their knowledge and love of God and also growing in their confidence to use the gifts and abilities that God has given them. We have masses to thank God for! Some women have started reading the Bible 1-1 and praying together; little 'Simply Christianity' groups have been formed; women have baked and cared for and loved one another; we had a wonderful evangelistic Spring High Tea with many outsiders in attendance and just recently we had a "you are beautiful" afternoon tea for the young girls and their mothers and friends. November & December will be busy with an AFES team joining us for mission and of course our Christmas events. Please be in prayer particularly for the Gingerbread events (29 & 30 Nov) and Scripture seminars in schools the following week. Please pray that all who have heard the gospel this year will surrender their lives to Jesus. Lastly we thank God for His grace shown to us in Jesus and for His continued grace given to us daily.

Teen Ministry, Anabelle Copeman

Praise God for a wonderful event, 'You Are Beautiful', with our teen girls inviting their friends to hear how the multi-media erodes self esteem but that there is a loving God who has made them to be the beautiful people that they are. Fantastic cup cake decorating was also part of the afternoon.

Praise God that there are a number of people wanting to be involved in teen ministry.

Pray for next year, that we might be able to have a team of leaders, dedicated to teen ministry and develop a ministry that will mentor our small group of teens and help them to reach their friends with the gospel.

Pray also:

- for a teen movie night Nov 15 – girls to watch Soul Surfer and discuss its Christian thinking
- that teens will invite friends to gingerbread decorating events at Christmas and that these events will be effective in reaching teens with the message of hope we have as Christians.

PRAYER GUIDE

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Psalm 95:2

MONDAY

For it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Philippians

2:14

CHILDREN & YOUNG ADULTS

Thank God for:

- the growth of the Children's Ministry, both the number of children attending and the Team who assist in this ministry
- wonderful material available for children on the web, both user-friendly and biblical in approach
- Student Team from Sydney Uni coming to us Nov 29 to Dec 4

Pray:

- that the children and leaders will deepen their understanding of God and have a desire to know him personally.
 - that together, we will learn the value of working hard to understand God's word as we study Zechariah
 - for our Young Adult Group Leaders
 - for our Young Adults to encounter Jesus in such a powerful way through the study of Luke, that they will grow to love him more.
 - for the *new young adults* to come to know Jesus and trust in him with everything they have!
 - for the continued growth of all our young people and that they might be well equipped to live as Christians wherever they may be
 - for wisdom in our programming through to the end of the year for both our children and young adults
 - Kate Baker in her SRE (scripture) Co-ordinator role and for people to continue to come forward to teach scripture in schools.
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TUESDAY

Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Hebrews 4:16

GROUPS

Thank God for:

- the 'Simply Christianity' groups forming
- for all our Growth Groups

Pray:

- for wisdom to keep evolving the ministry as new families join us
- that those in all our Groups will continue to grow in their faith
- that we will all grow in dependence on God
- that God will raise up people properly discerned in Prayer Ministry to be part of a Prayer Group

WEDNESDAY

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, 'Your God reigns!'

Isaiah 52:7

And now, dear children, continue in him, so that when he appears we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming.

1 John 2:28

OUTREACH & PASTORAL CARE

Thank God for:

- our women sharing their faith through 1-1 bible study and prayer
- women showing care for one another in practical ways
- good attendances at our recent Spring High Tea and 'You are Beautiful' afternoon tea for young girls, their mothers and their friends
- the people wanting to be involved in teen ministry

Pray:

- that God would continue to support and sustain our CMS link missionaries, Stu, Isabella, Sophia, James & Tim in South Asia; our BCA link missionaries, Geoff & Tracey Piggott in Coober Pedy and Martin and Jen Shadwick working with students at Newcastle Uni
- that God would support Peter Friend RAAF Chaplaincy Williamtown and wife Deborah
- for continual development of programs that would enable us to reach those in our community and beyond, who do not yet know the Lord Jesus and make Him known to them
- for the teen movie night Friday November 15
- for Ladies' Gingerbread evening Friday November 29
- All age Gingerbread event Saturday afternoon November 30
- Scripture Seminars in schools December 2 to 6
- Community carols in the Grounds of Lambton Church Dec 7
- for Ladies monthly Book Club
- for Craft Cafe at ANeW held monthly
- for development of a more established ministry to men
- for our people at ANeW to respond to God's calling
- for God's care and protection of us all; physically, emotionally and spiritually
- for the salvation of the unsaved members of every family represented at ANeW
- for St Matthew's church, Georgetown (where we used to meet)
- for the parishes of St John the Baptist Church, Lambton and also New Lambton Anglican Church
- for wisdom to keep evolving ANeW's ministry as new families join us
- that next year we might be able to have a team of leaders dedicated to teen ministry – see *Teen Ministry* (2nd page)

THURSDAY

ADMIN

Thank God for:

There is no wisdom, no insight, no plan that can succeed against the Lord.

The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but victory rests with the Lord.

Proverbs 21:30-31

- the election of Bishop Greg Thompson
- our new premises at Lambton Anglican Church – St John the Baptist, 18 Morehead Street, Lambton
- our wardens; David Rogers, James White and Grace Peattie
- our Synod representatives; Abraham Mahilraj, Stuart Southwell and James White
- our financial needs continually being met

Pray for

- further organising ANeW as a Parish in the Diocese of Newcastle
 - the election of a Treasurer and Parish Secretary
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FRIDAY

WORSHIP

Give thanks and praise to God for:

May the grace of the Lord Jesus, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*2 Corinthians
13:14*

- devotion to the scriptures, evident in our Sunday night meetings together
- the great 'spots' we have in church where we hear about other ministries
- every member of our Music Team led by Grace Peattie
- those who lead us in prayer every Sunday night

Pray for:

- all who attend ANeW to have their lives transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit as they seek to follow the Lord Jesus
- faithful preaching of God's word every week
- guidance in choosing the songs and music
- God to raise up more musicians for ANeW
- God to be glorified as we praise him in song